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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 15 to 17, and amend claims 1, 3, 13 and 18 as follows
(pursuant to revised 37 CFR 1.121, a complete claim listing is provided below):

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A tool tray assembly comprising:
- 2 a platform for holding things; and
- 3 a support system for supporting the platform on a variety of work surfaces, the
- 4 support system comprising a plurality of legs attached to the platform and protruding
- 5 downwardly therefrom, said legs each having a bottom surface and a tapered inner side
- 6 surface, said bottom surfaces of the legs being arranged for supporting the platform on a
- 7 horizontal surface and said tapered inner side surfaces being arranged for supporting the
- 8 platform on a vehicle tire;
- 9 wherein said platform has a configuration with a bottom surface and at least one
- 10 end surface, and said plurality of legs comprises a first pair of legs protruding
- 11 downwardly from the platform, each of said first pair of legs having a first flat portion for
- 12 engaging the bottom surface of the platform, a second stabilizing portion extending
- 13 upwardly from said first flat portion for engaging the end surface of the platform, a
- 14 slotted opening formed in said first flat portion for slidably receiving a fastener for
- 15 attaching the leg to the platform, and a portion extending downwardly from the flat
- 16 portion to form the bottom surface and the tapered inner side surface, wherein the tapered
- 17 inner side surfaces are arranged to engage opposite sides of a vehicle tire when the tray

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18 assembly is placed on the tire.

1 2. (Original) The tool tray assembly according to claim 1, wherein said platform
2 comprises a generally flat surface surrounded by a plurality of upstanding walls.

1 3. (Currently Amended) The tool tray assembly according to claim 1, wherein
2 said plurality of legs comprises a first pair of legs which are adjustably mounted to the
3 platform, and said first pair of legs are being slidably adjustable relative to each other
4 such that a spacing between the inner side surfaces of said first pair of legs can be
5 adjusted to fit different sizes of vehicle tires.

1 4. (Original) The tool tray assembly according to claim 3, wherein said plurality
2 of legs further comprises a second pair of legs which are adjustably mounted to the
3 platform at a location spaced from said first pair of legs, said second pair of legs being
4 slidably adjustable relative to each other such that a spacing between the inner side
5 surfaces of said second pair of legs can be adjusted to fit different sizes of vehicle tires.

1 5. (Original) The tool tray assembly according to claim 1, further comprising a
2 first detachable socket tray attached to the platform for holding a first socket set.

1 6. (Original) The tool tray assembly according to claim 5, wherein said platform

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2 comprises a generally flat surface surrounded by a plurality of upstanding walls, and
3 wherein said first detachable socket tray is attached to one of the upstanding walls by a
4 structure that hooks over an upper edge of the wall and hangs therefrom.

1 7. (Original) The tool tray assembly according to claim 5, wherein said first
2 detachable socket tray has a space for holding sockets defined by a generally flat bottom
3 surface surrounded by a plurality of upstanding sides, said space having a width that
4 gradually increases from a narrow end to a wide end, whereby the narrow end
5 corresponds in size to a smallest socket of the first socket set and the wide end
6 corresponds in size to a largest socket of the first socket set.

1 8. (Original) The tool tray assembly according to claim 5, further comprising a
2 second detachable socket tray attached to the platform for holding a second socket set.

1 9. (Original) The tool tray assembly according to claim 8, wherein said second
2 detachable socket tray has generally the same structure as said first detachable socket tray
3 except that a space for holding sockets defined by said second socket tray is larger than a
4 space for holding sockets defined by said first socket tray, whereby said second socket
5 tray can be used to hold a second socket set which is larger than said first socket set.

1 10. (Original) The tool tray assembly according to claim 9, further comprising a

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2 detachable parts tray attached to the platform for holding bolts and/or other parts of a
3 machine being worked on.

1 11. (Original) The tool tray assembly according to claim 10, wherein said
2 platform comprises a generally flat surface surrounded by a plurality of upstanding walls,
3 and wherein said first and second detachable socket trays and said detachable parts tray
4 are attached to the platform by respective structures that hook over respective upper edges
5 of the upstanding walls of the platform and hang therefrom.

1 12. (Original) The tool tray assembly according to claim 1, further comprising
2 handles formed at respective opposite ends of the platform to facilitate lifting and
3 carrying the tool tray assembly.

1 13. (Currently Amended) A tool tray assembly comprising:
2 a platform for holding things; and
3 a support system for supporting the platform on a variety of work surfaces, the
4 support system comprising a plurality of legs attached to the platform and protruding
5 downwardly therefrom, said legs each having a bottom surface and a tapered inner side
6 surface, said bottom surfaces of the legs being arranged for supporting the platform on a
7 horizontal surface and said tapered inner side surfaces being arranged for supporting the
8 platform on a vehicle tire;

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9 ~~The tool tray assembly according to claim 1~~, wherein said platform has a generally
10 rectangular configuration and said plurality of legs comprises four legs protruding
11 downwardly from the platform near the four corners of the rectangular configuration,
12 each of said legs having a first flat portion for engaging a bottom surface of the platform,
13 a second stabilizing portion extending upwardly from said first flat portion for engaging
14 an end surface of the platform, a slotted opening formed in said first flat portion for
15 slidably receiving a threaded fastener for attaching the leg to the platform,
16 a third downwardly projecting portion extending downwardly from said first flat portion
17 to the bottom surface of the leg, and a fourth inwardly projecting portion extending
18 inwardly from the third downwardly projecting portion to form the tapered inner side
19 surface, wherein the tapered inner side surfaces are arranged to engage opposite sides of a
20 vehicle tire when the tray assembly is placed on the tire.

1 14. (Original) The tool tray assembly according to claim 1, wherein the platform
2 and the plurality of legs are formed of sheet metal.

Claims 15 to 17. (Cancelled).

1 18. (Currently Amended) A tool tray assembly comprising:
2 a generally rectangular platform having a generally flat surface surrounded by a
3 plurality of upstanding walls; and

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4 a support system for supporting the platform on a variety of work surfaces, the
5 support system comprising first and second pairs of legs attached to the platform and
6 protruding downwardly therefrom, each of said legs having a bottom surface and a
7 tapered inner side surface, said bottom surfaces of the legs being arranged for supporting
8 the platform on a horizontal surface and said tapered inner side surfaces being arranged
9 for engaging opposite sides of a vehicle tire for supporting the platform on the vehicle
10 tire;

11 said first pair of legs being slidably adjustable relative to each other such that a
12 spacing between the inner side surfaces of said first pair of legs can be adjusted to fit
13 different sizes of vehicle tires; and

14 said second pair of legs being slidably adjustable relative to each other such that a
15 spacing between the inner side surfaces of said second pair of legs can be adjusted to fit
16 different sizes of vehicle tires;

17 further comprising a first detachable socket tray for holding a first socket set, said
18 first detachable socket tray having a space for holding sockets defined by a generally flat
19 bottom surface surrounded by a plurality of upstanding sides, said space having a width
20 that gradually increases from a narrow end to a wide end, whereby the narrow end
21 corresponds in size to a smallest socket of the first socket set and the wide end
22 corresponds in size to a largest socket of the first socket set, said first detachable socket
23 tray being attached to the platform by a structure that hooks over an upper edge of one of
24 the upstanding walls of the platform and hangs therefrom;

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25 further comprising a second detachable socket tray attached to the platform for
26 holding a second socket set, wherein said second detachable socket tray has generally the
27 same structure as said first detachable socket tray except that a space for holding sockets
28 defined by said second socket tray is larger than a space for holding sockets defined by
29 said first socket tray, whereby said second socket tray can be used to hold a second socket
30 set which is larger than said first socket set;

31 The tool tray assembly according to claim 17, further comprising a detachable
32 parts tray attached to the platform for holding bolts and/or other parts of a machine being
33 worked on, said detachable parts tray having a space for holding bolts and other parts
34 defined by a generally flat bottom surface surrounded by a plurality of upstanding sides,
35 said detachable parts tray being attached to the platform by a structure that hooks over an
36 upper edge of one of the upstanding walls of the platform and hangs therefrom.

1 19. (Original) The tool tray assembly according to claim 18, further comprising
2 handles formed at respective opposite ends of the platform to facilitate lifting and
3 carrying the tool tray assembly.

1 20. (Original) The tool tray assembly according to claim 19, wherein the
2 platform and the plurality of legs are formed of sheet metal.